

Amendments To The Claims

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application.

Listing of Claims

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1. (Original) A system comprising a handset that is operable to establish an audio telephonic link, a display for displaying video signals and a controller operable to communicate with the handset, the display and the controller being separate from the handset, wherein the handset is operable to send a response signal to the controller in reply to a prompt on the display, which prompt is indicative of the availability of further information from a service provider, whereupon on receipt of the response signal, the controller is operable to transmit a control signal to automatically cause an audio telephonic link between the handset and the service provider to be established.

2. (Currently Amended) [[A]] The system as claimed in of claim 1, wherein the prompt is an advert or cue or icon, which is preferably part of an EPG display or presented simultaneously with a real time broadcast.

3. (Currently Amended) [[A]] The system as claimed in of claim [[2]] 47, wherein the advert, cue, or icon is presented as a panel in a portion of the EPG display.

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4. (Currently Amended) [[A]] The system as claimed in of claim 1, wherein the response signal is generated when a user flags a logical interest to such a prompt by selecting and pressing an appropriate soft action key on the handset, ~~preferably "yes" or "ok".~~

5. (Currently Amended) [[A]] The system as claimed in of claim 3, wherein the ad panel is downloaded with the EPG data.

6. (Currently Amended) [[A]] The system as claimed in of claim 3, wherein updated ad panels or icons are downloaded separately from the EPG.

7. (Currently Amended) [[A]] The system as claimed in of claim 3, wherein ad panels and/or cues and/or icons are pre-loaded in a memory and software is provided for causing the ad panels and/or cues and/or icons to be displayed at a particular time or downloaded to the user in a real time broadcast.

8. (Currently Amended) [[A]] The system as claimed in of claim 4, wherein a telephone number is downloaded with the advert panel, which telephone number is dialed automatically when the controller sends the control signal to the handset.

9. (Currently Amended) [[A]] The system as claimed in of claim 1, wherein the display is a screen of a television or computer ~~or any other appliance.~~

10. (Currently Amended) [[A]] The system as claimed in of claim 1, wherein the controller is a

control module that is a discrete unit or provided in
~~an appliance such as a television or some other~~
~~television accessory or a PC.~~

11. (Currently Amended) [[A]] The system as
~~claimed in of~~ claim 10, wherein the control module
~~includes comprises~~ a cradle that is connected to a
power supply and is adapted to receive the handset, so
that the handset can be re-charged.

12. (Currently Amended) [[A]] The system as
~~claimed in of~~ claim 1, wherein the handset is a
wireless handset.

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13. (Currently Amended) [[A]] The system as
~~claimed in of~~ claim 1, wherein the handset is operable
to control the functionality of the display and/or any
other appliance that is connected thereto.

14. (Currently Amended) [[A]] The system as
~~claimed in of~~ claim 1, wherein the telephone link is
established over the public switched network (PSTN).

15. (Currently Amended) [[A]] The system as
~~claimed in of~~ claim 14, wherein the handset ~~may be is~~
in communication with a base unit that is connected to
the PSTN, ~~preferably wireless communication.~~

16. (Currently Amended) [[A]] The system as
~~claimed in of~~ claim 14, wherein the handset has the
functionality of a cordless telephone.

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17. (Currently Amended) An interactive call management system comprising a handset that is operable to establish an audio telephonic link, a display separate from the handset, a communication link between the handset and the display, and a graphical user interface (GUI) for presenting information relating to telephone services and/or callers on the display, wherein the handset has data entry keys or buttons for interactively entering requests for information on the screen display.

18. (Currently Amended) [[A]] The system as claimed in of claim 17, wherein the display is the screen of a television or computer ~~or any other appliance~~.

19. (Currently Amended) [[A]] The system as claimed in of claim 18, wherein the handset is adapted to control the television or computer, ~~or any other appliance~~.

20. (Currently Amended) [[A]] The system as claimed in of claim 17, wherein the GUI is adapted to present telephone directory information, ~~such as Yellow Pages information~~.

21. (Currently Amended) [[A]] The system as claimed in of claim 17, wherein further comprising a memory ~~is provided~~ for storing lists of telephone numbers or associated names.

22. (Currently Amended) [[A]] The system as claimed in of claim 21, wherein the list is arranged by

the user in order to provide a personalized or customized list.

23. (Currently Amended) [[A]] The system as claimed in of claim 22, wherein a cursor or marker is provided that can be moved about the display using the handset.

24. (Currently Amended) [[A]] The system as claimed in of claim 23, wherein a particular number is selectable from the list for dialing by marking it with the cursor or marker and then pressing an appropriate key or button on the handset to cause automatic dialing of the number.

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25. (Currently Amended) [[A]] The system as claimed in of claim 17, wherein the GUI is adapted to present telephone directory information, the directory information comprising a list of service providers that have advertised on the display.

26. (Currently Amended) [[A]] The system as claimed in of claim 17, wherein further comprising means are provided for receiving and interpreting incoming calls, in order to provide the names and numbers of incoming callers on the display, which are typically captured using a calling line identification (CLI) feature.

27. (Currently Amended) [[A]] The system as claimed in of claim 17 further comprising a recorder for recording a voice message and playing back that message when desired.

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28. (Currently Amended) [[A]] The system as claimed in of claim 26, wherein further comprising a memory is provided for storing lists of telephone numbers or associated names, the number of the incoming caller being annotated with a name and added to the list that is preferably presented on the display.

29. (Currently Amended) [[A]] The system as claimed in of claim 28, comprising wherein a cursor or marker is provided for highlighting a name on the list and dialing the appropriate number when the name is selected from the TV screen.

30. (Currently Amended) [[A]] The system as claimed in of claim 17, wherein the graphical user interface is an electronic program guide.

31. (Currently Amended) [[A]] The system as claimed in of claim 17, further comprising a controller that is separate from the handset, wherein the communication link between the handset and the display is provided via [[a]] the controller that is separate from the handset.

32. (Currently Amended) [[A]] The system as claimed in of claim 17, wherein the handset is wireless.

33. (Currently Amended) [[A]] The system as claimed in of claim 17, wherein the handset is operable to control the functionality of the display and/or any other appliance that is connected thereto.

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34. (Currently Amended) [[A]] The system as claimed in of claim 17, wherein the telephone link may be established over the public switched network (PSTN).

35. (Currently Amended) [[A]] The system as claimed in of claim 34, wherein the handset is in communication with a base unit that is connected to the PSTN, preferably wireless communication.

36. (Currently Amended) [[A]] The system as claimed in of claim 34, wherein the handset has the functionality of a cordless telephone.

37. (Original) A method comprising receiving at a controller a response signal from a telephone handset in reply to a prompt on a display, which prompt is indicative of the availability of further information from a service provider and transmitting a control signal from the controller to automatically cause an audio telephonic link between the handset and the service provider to be established.

38. (Currently Amended) A computer program ~~on a readable medium comprising instructions encoded with machine-readable instructions for:~~

interpreting a response signal received at a controller, which response signal is sent from a telephone handset in reply to a prompt on a display, which prompt is indicative of the availability of further information from a service provider; and

causing a control signal to be transmitted from the controller to automatically cause

an audio telephonic link between the handset and the service provider to be established.

39. (Currently Amended) A wireless telephone handset ~~comprising an input for exchanging control signals and data from for connecting an external device and means for connecting the external device to a telephone network, comprising:~~

a body portion having an ear portion and a mouth portion, wherein the ear portion has an earpiece and the mouth portion has a mouthpiece for allowing a user to have a telephone conversation; and
modem circuitry configured to transmit and receive modem signals, wherein the modem circuitry comprises:

a first input to wirelessly receive data and control signals from the external device;
a second input to wirelessly receive modem signals from the telephone network;
a first output to wirelessly transmit modem signals corresponding to at least a portion of the data and control signals received from the external device to the telephone network; and
a second output to wirelessly transmit data corresponding to at least a portion of the modem signals received from the telephone network to the external device.

40. (Cancelled)

41. (Currently Amended) [[A]] The telephone handset as claimed in of claim 40 39 adapted to function as a remote control for a television or a

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television accessory or ~~any other remotely controllable device, such as a video recorder or a set top box.~~

42. (Currently Amended) [[A]] The telephone handset as claimed in of claim 39, wherein the external device is a portable computer and the handset is operable to act as a modem, preferably a portable modem.

43. (Currently Amended) [[A]] The telephone handset as claimed in of claim 42, wherein the handset is rechargeable and, preferably adapted to be received in a recharging cradle.

44. (Currently Amended) [[A]] The telephone handset as claimed in of claim 39, wherein the telephone link is established over the public switched network (PSTN).

45. (Currently Amended) [[A]] The telephone handset as claimed in of claim 44 that is operable to communicate with a base unit that is connected to the PSTN.

46. (Cancelled)

47. (New) The system of claim 2, wherein the advert, cue, or icon is part of an EPG display.

48. (New) The system of claim 2, wherein the advert, cue, or icon is presented simultaneously with a real time broadcast.

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49. (New) The system of claim 15, wherein the handset is in wireless communication with the base unit.

50. (New) The system of claim 26, wherein the names and numbers of incoming callers are captured using calling line identification (CLI).

51. (New) The system of claim 35, wherein the handset is in wireless communication with the base unit.

52. (New) The telephone handset of claim 43, wherein the handset is adapted to be received in a recharging cradle.
